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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY & EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY

NOTIFICATION

The 3rd February 2025

No. 1159—SSEPD-DA1-DA-0004/2025-SSEPD.—In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 71 of sub-section 2 (b) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 the State Government is pleased to constitute the Drafting Committee for formulation of State Policy for persons with disabilities with an immediate effect.

The Members of Committee for State Policy for persons with disabilities are as follows :—

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| 1. | Principal Secretary/ Commissioner- <i>cum</i> -Secretary,
S.S.E.P.D. Department. | .. | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. Patitapaban Mohanty, Director, SVNIRTAR | .. | Member |
| 3. | Dr. R. N. Mohanty, CEO, Sightsavers India | .. | Member |
| 4. | Shri Maheswar Rout, President,
Odisha Association for the Blind. | .. | Member |
| 5. | Smt. Bratati Harichandan, State Commissioner
for PwDs, Odisha. | .. | Member |
| 6. | Smt. Manasmita Jena, Secretary, Saksham | .. | Member |
| 7. | Dr. Manjulata Panda, Lecturer in Political Science,
Hirakud Degree College. | .. | Member |
| 8. | Ms. Rina Mohanty, Secretary, SMRC, Bhubaneswar | .. | Member |
| 9. | Mrs. Kasturi Mohapatra, President, OLS | .. | Member |
| 10. | Dr. N. C. Pati, President, Chetana Institute for
Mentally Handicapped. | .. | Member |
| 11. | Mr. Bijaya Parida, General Secretary, Odisha Association
for the Deaf. | .. | Member |

12	Mr. Golekha Mohanty, General Secretary, All Odisha Orthopedically Handicapped Welfare Association, Bhubaneswar.	..	Member
13	Mr. Niranjana Behera, State President, Odisha Viklang Manch.	..	Member
14	Ms. Dipti Das, Former Member, District Child Welfare Committee, Puri.	..	Member
15	Dr. Bikash Das, President, Committee for Legal Aid to Poor, Cuttack.	..	Member
16	Smt. Mrunalini Padhi, Secretary, Sahaya, Cuttack	..	Member

The functions of the Committee are —

1. The committee will be responsible for drafting the State Policy for persons with disabilities, ensuring the policy addresses the diverse needs of PwDs in Odisha, promotes inclusive development, and complies with national and international standards.

2. The committee will work collaboratively, drawing on the expertise and experiences of its members to draft a comprehensive policy that advocates for equality, empowerment, and accessibility for all PwDs in the State.

3. The policy recognizes that people with disabilities are valuable human resources. It also recognizes that people with disabilities have the same rights and freedoms as others. The policy aims to create an environment that allows people with disabilities to participate in society.

By order of the Governor

NIYATI PATTANAIK

Director